

Annual Report 2019-20

It gives me great satisfaction to present the report of our institution. **University Grants Commission, New Delhi** has conferred Autonomous Status to **Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science** on 24th June, 2019.

On the **academic front**, our result in all branches in Mumbai University is highly satisfactory. Our academic results have surpassed university results for all years invariably. The college has organized a **Parent-Teacher Meeting** for all the streams.

In the field of **cultural activities**, we have been bagging **Gold/Silver** medals in Theatres, Performing Arts and other Creative Categories. In the 52nd Inter-Collegiate Mumbai University Youth Festival at K.T.S.P. Mandal's, K.M.C. College, Khopoli, Dist. Raigad, Zonal Round our students made us proud by bagging a number of First Prizes in the following events: Folk Dance, Classical Vocal Singing, Hindi Skit, Hindi One-Act, Western Group Singing, Marathi Skit, Marathi One-Act, Story Telling, Western Solo Singing and Mono-Acting. In the final round our students bagged both Gold and Silver in various creative categories. Our students bagged a number of prizes in Alegria 2020 – The Festival of Joy: The five-day festival saw a number of students coming from across the state participating in more than 100 events.

In the field of **sports** we bagged a number of prizes at both national and international level. In Mumbai University Inter-Hand Ball Championship (Men), Foot Ball (Men), Volleyball (Men), Ball Badminton (Men & Women), the college bagged Gold.

The institution is conscious of its **social responsibility** and promotes, in a big way, extension activities, through its various cells and societies. N.S.S. & Social Awareness Cell organized a number of activities like: International Yoga Day, Plastic Ban Camp, Tree Plantation Drive, Social Activity in collaboration with Kotak Education Foundation, Campus Maintenance Survey, Mega Blood Donation Camp, **Thalassemia Awareness & Detection Program**, Leprosy Education, Rehabilitation & Treatment, Walkathon Against

Blindness, Stem Cell Transplant Registration and Awareness Drive, Swachh Survekshan Initiative Relief drive, Swachha Bharat Abhiyan Activity, Campaign against use of plastic bags, Road Safety Awareness Rally, Voter Registration Drive, Swachhata Campaigns and the like to make a difference to the society that we all live in. The N.S.S. unit received an award from ALERT -INDIA for the applaudable contribution to the cause of leprosy eradication. Kotak Education Foundation felicitated the N.S.S. Unit for its support in remedial coaching in government schools in Govandi and Mankhurd areas. Ms. Komal Shinde received the Best N.S.S. Volunteer Award by University of Mumbai.

Green measures such as rain water harvesting, composting, waste management, energy conservation, use of renewable energy, efforts for carbon neutrality, e-waste management, environmental research and the like have been adopted by the institution towards environment protection and sustenance.

The **Entrepreneur Development Cell** of the institution and the Entrepreneur Club of our parent institution promotes entrepreneur culture among students. The institutions **Incubation Cell** nurtures ventures. In the current academic year two start-ups incubated on the campus. MOU has been signed with Centre for Incubation and Business Acceleration, Navi Mumbai. IPR Policy is in place. The results of the research work by our faculty Mrs. Suparna Deepak entitled "TCF7L2 genetic variants in a worksite population of Mumbai" was represented in the form of a poster. The particulars of this literary work was entered in the Register of Copyrights by the Copyright Office, Govt. of India. A National level Seminar on 'Intellectual Property Rights for Start Ups' was organised on 25th February, 2020

Our college **in-house associations** strive to develop skills and attributes that will sharpen personality of our students by organizing various activities such as group discussion, article writing, talks, essay/debate/quiz/poster-making competition, power-point presentations and the like.

Alumni Mentoring Club was formed to provide Industry/Corporate Guidance, Career Counselling and Mentoring powered by Alumni to the upcoming batches each year. Alumni Job Fair powered by Alumni was organized on 1st February, 2020 in which 40 plus corporate big wigs participated. **Alumni have been engaged** for availing their expertise, for mentoring, fundraising, for career support to current students. A number of sessions have been organized in this regard. A **Mega Alumni Meet** was organized on 22nd December, 2018 to celebrate 20th Anniversary of the college.

Our **Placement Cell** has been very active and a number of students were selected by corporate big-wigs like Nokia, Wipro, Infosys, SBI, L&T, Wipro, CAMS, Cap Gemini and the like. Several **certificate courses** have been introduced to add value to the curriculum.

Several MOU's have been entered into: MOU was signed with Mumbai Management Academy & Research (MMAR), Registered Office at National Skills Development Agency, Govt. of India, MOU with M/s Rightsole PTE. Ltd., MOU with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (National University Students' Skill Development (NUSSD) programme) and the like.

Green Audit for the institution has been completed. (May-June 2019) **Electricity Safety Audit** was conducted on 3rd June, 2019. **Annual ISO Surveillance Audit** was conducted in the college on 30th September, 2019 and compliances were noted and suggestions were put up. **Internal Audit** was conducted in August/September 2019 by the Internal Audit Committee. Application for an **External Audit of the institution** was made to University of Mumbai in the month of February, 2020.

Faculty and student participation in research activities has increased. 52 students and two teachers participated in Avishkar Research Convention. 23 entries qualified for University Round. One student secured **First Rank** in the **14th Maharashtra State Inter-University Avishkar Research Convention 2019-20**. Our Research Scholar Mr. Shravan

Bane under the guidance of Dr. Seema Somani has received **Fellowship under Avishkar Research Convention** of Rs. 1,44,000 for tenure of 2 years from Governor's Office. Two Ph.D. students, Mr. Girish Kudav and Mr. Shravan Bane, under PPG category, bagged **Gold** and **Silver** medal respectively and qualified for **State Level Avishkar Research Convention 2019-20**.

Faculty has **published Research Papers** with reputed Journals. Ms. Bhakti Hirani awarded **First Prize in Best Oral Presentation & Best Researcher Award** in National Conference on Water & Rejuvenation at University of Mumbai. Dr. Kiran Deshmukh was awarded **Best Research Paper Award** in Two Day International Conference on 5th February, 2020 held at C.K.T. College, Panvel. Mrs. Suparna Deepak was awarded **First Prize for Best Oral Presentation** in National Conference at K.L.E College., Kalamboli.

Our faculty have been acquiring **Ph.D./Ph.D. Guideship** and are actively involved in several minor/major research projects. Received grant of Rs. 2,70,000 from University of Mumbai for the academic year for **Minor Research Project**. Department of Biotechnology has applied for **Major Research Grant** to **DST** and **SERB**.

Ph.D. Research Centre received Proposals for Ph.D. in Commerce in the subject of Business Economics, Business Policy and Administration and Accountancy. **10 Proposals were selected for registration.**

Consultancy was carried out in: Immunopathology and Cancer Cell Biology, Nano particulate Vaccine Adjuvants, Cellular Iron Metabolism, Nanoparticle-Mediated Cellular Targeting and Delivery Mechanisms, in Law and in Tax.

Our faculty have authored several books of repute, are members of the syllabus revision committee, have been appointed as paper setters, moderators, resource persons, interview panelists, chairpersons, consultants and have been heading important committees at various levels. Our faculty, Dr. Aarti Sukheja has been appointed as the

NAAC Coordinator for Navi Mumbai by the Joint Director of Education. Prof. Nithya Varghese has been appointed as a **Member (Non- Scientific Member) for Institutional Ethical Research Committee** at M.G.M. Dental College, Navi Mumbai.

Seminar/Workshop/Training Programmes /Popular Lectures were conducted by various committees at **National and International Level** as planned in the beginning of the academic year. 11 National level and 3 International Level Seminar/ Conference/ Webinar were organised.

The **Staff Development Committee** encouraged faculty to undertake Faculty Development Programs under SWAYAM-A Government of India initiative. 28 teaching faculty successfully completed the FDP in the first term of 2019-20. Ms. Bhakti Hirani, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology **was topper with Elite and gold status 90%** (Topper out of 957 candidates appeared for the exam) in the subject of "Biomedical Nanotechnology" conducted by Swayam NPTEL - Online certification course (Indian Institute of Technology - Roorkee).

The B.A.M.M.C. Department in association with BAIP (Board of Academic - Industry Partnerships) conducted an **International Faculty Development Program** from 4th May - 8th May 2020. 500 participants from different colleges participated. Department of B.Com. and B.Com. Accounting and Finance in association with Mumbai University College Teachers Association (MUCTA) organized Three days **International Faculty Development Programme** on Digital teaching and learning Environment on 11th, 12th and 13th May 2020. 1482 participants from different colleges registered for this online FDP from national as well as international domain (Australia, United Kingdom) 5.8 thousand people viewed the live streaming. Department of Business Management in association with Ph.D. Research Centre & Board of Industry- Academia Partnerships organised seven days **National Level FDP & Coursework** on Research Methodology from 26th May 2020 to 1st June 2020. The FDP benefited to 374 participants globally.

This academic year has been one with a plethora of activities and experiences, all of which have been extremely positive and rewarding. It has been a result of dynamic partnership

of parents, teachers, students and managements geared towards qualitative achievements in education.

Dr. Gajanan Wader

Principal